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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN CONSULATE CLOSES

REFS: (A) 76 BONN 16686 AND PREVIOUS

1. THE TUNISIAN CONSUL IN BERLIN, MR. TAOUFIK  
ABDENNEBI, HAS ADVISED THE THREE ALLIED MISSIONS BY  
FIRST PERSON NOTE THAT THE TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT HAS  
DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONSULATE  
IN BERLIN.

2. ALTHOUGH NO OFFICIAL REASON FOR THE TUNISIAN  
DECISION TO SUSPEND OPERATIONS IN BERLIN WAS GIVEN,  
IT APPEARS THAT THE DECISION WAS BASED ON FINANCIAL  
CONSIDERATIONS. DURING HIS BRIEF STAY HERE, ABDENNEBI  
COMPLAINED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THREE ALLIED  
MISSIONS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS ABOUT THE EXTREMELY  
HIGH COST OF OFFICE SPACE AND HOUSING IN BERLIN.

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HE ALSO EXPRESSED SOME DISTRESS THAT THE WAS UNABLE  
TO GET HIS CHILDREN INTO AN ENGLISH SPEAKING SCHOOL,  
NOTING THAT THE TUITION AT THE AMERICAN MILITARY  
DEPENDENTS' SCHOOL WAS TOO HIGH, AND THA HIS CHILDREN  
APPARENTLY DID NOT QUALIFY FOR THE BI-NATIONAL  
JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL.

3. AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL, ABDENNEBI HAS ALREADY LEFT TOWN. WE UNDERSTAND HE HAS BEEN NAMED TUNISIAN CONSUL GENERAL IN STRASBOURG.

4. THE TUNISIAN COSULATE IN BERLIN NEVER REALLY GOT OFF THE GROUND. CONSUL ABDENNBI WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE THREE ALLIES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 7, 1976. HE CALLED ON THE THREE COMMANDANTS DURING THE COURSE OF OCTOBER AND SINCE THEN HAS SPENT MOST OF HIS TIME ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE SUITABLE OFFICE AND HOUSING. HE TOLD THE US MISSION PROTOCOL OFFICER IN LATE DECEMBER THAT HE WAS PREPARING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT THAT THE CONSULATE BE STAFFED BY A MINIMUM OF THREE PEOPLE - CONSULAR/SECRETARIAL ASSISTANT, COMMERCIAL OFFICER AND HIMSELF. EVEN AT THAT TIME, HOWEVER, HE DID NOT APPEAR OPTIMISTIC THAT HE WOULD OBTAIN THE FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SUPPORT WHICH HE FELT HE REQUIRED TO PERFORM HIS DUTIES IN BERLIN. AT THAT TIME ABDENNEBI HAD INDICATED HE WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST AN ADDITIONAL DM 4000,000 (\$165,000) A YEAR FOR RENTALS AND SALARIES FOR LOCAL STAFF.

5. FOR STRASBOURG AND PARIS: MISSION WILL SEND BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON ABDENNEBI BY AIRGRAM. GEORGE

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